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POLADS MET NOV 10-11 TO COORDINATE TRIPARTITE "OPERATIONAL REACTION" IN EVENT SOV WITHDRAWAL FROM ACCESS RESPONSIBILITIES.

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IN CONNECTION SURFACE ACCESS IT WAS CONFIRMED WE WOULD FOLLOW PROCEDURES SECTIONS I A AND B OF ENCLOSURE TO BONN'S DESPATCH 1075, DEC 18, 1957.

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RE BASC, IT WAS AGREED BRITISH AND FRENCH WOULD FOLLOW CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS TO AMERICAN CHIEF CONTROLLER AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

(1) SOVS INTRODUCE EAST GERMAN CONTROLLER INTO BASC EITHER TO HANDLE CIVILIAN FLIGHT PLANS OR TO TAKE OVER ENTIRE SOV FUNCTION.

SOV CONTROLLER TOLD THAT PRESENCE EAST GERMAN NOT ACCEPTABLE, THAT "I AM INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT HOLDS YOUR GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF U.S. AIRCRAFT IN THE CORRIDORS AND IN THE BERLIN CONTROL ZONE", AND SOV REQUESTED TO ARRANGE THAT EAST GERMAN LEAVE BASC AT ONCE. IF EAST GERMAN DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY LEAVE, CALL U.S. MILITARY BUILDING GUARDS AND HAVE THEM ESCORT EAST GERMAN FROM BUILDING. CONTINUE PASSING FLIGHT PLANS TO SOVS IN NORMAL MANNER.

(2) SOVS STATE THEY WITHDRAWING COMPLETELY FROM BASC.

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INFORM SOVS: "FLIGHT INFORMATION ON WESTERN AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU AT BASC. I AM INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT U.S. AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE FLY IN THE CORRIDORS AND IN THE BERLIN CONTROL ZONE IN THE NORMAL MANNER. MY GOVERNMENT WILL HOLD YOUR GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THESE AIRCRAFT WHILE THEY ARE IN THE COPRIDORS AND IN THE CONTROL ZONE". FLIGHT PLANS ARE PASSED TO VACANT SOV DESK IN NORMAL MANNER WITH DATE-TIME STAMP INDICATING TIME OF TRANSMISSION.

(3) IF SOVS FAILS APPEAR, STATEMENT IN NUMBERED PARA 2 TO BE MADE IMMEDIATELY TO KARLSHORST.

(4) IF EAST GERMAN SHOWS UP INSTEAD OF SOV MEMBER BASC, HE WOULD BE ASKED TO LEAVE, AND IF NEED BE ESCORTED OUT. STATEMENT IN NUMBERED PARA 2 TO BE MADE IMMEDIATELY TO KARLSHORST.

BERLIN ELEMENTS IMMEDIATELY TO INFORM BONN EMBASSIES ANY CHANGE AT BASC SO THAT EMBASSIES CAN DEAL APPROPRIATELY WITH CIVIL AIR LINES.

END TEXT.

THESE TRIPARTITELY AGREED "OPERATIONAL REACTIONS" SURFACE AND AIR FOLLOW CURRENT STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO U.S. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CONCERNED. BRITISH AND FRENCH IN BERLIN ISSUING NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR PEOPLE TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THOUGH SUBJECT TO BE SUBSEQUENT CONFIRMATION BY THEIR EMBASSIES. (ALTHOUGH MEASURES RELATING TO SURFACE ACCESS PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO TRIPARTITELY IN BONN, FRENCH POLAD SEEMED DOUBTFUL THEY HAD BEEN TRANSLATED INTO STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO FRENCH CIVIL AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CONCERNED.)

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